

to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the National Endowment for the Arts is soliciting comments concerning the proposed information collection of: The 1997 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before January 13, 1997. The National Endowment for the Arts is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Tom Bradshaw, National Endowment for the Arts, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 617, Washington, DC 20506, telephone (202) 682-5432 (this is not a toll-free number), fax (202) 682-5677.

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Director, Administrative Services.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences.

Date and Time: December 2 and 3, 1996 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201, Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Benjamin B. Snavely, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: 703/306-1820.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations on proposals submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate proposals for facilities instrumentation submitted to the Advanced Technologies and Instrumentation Program.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: November 8, 1996.

M. Rebecca Winkler,

Committee Management Officer.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186); Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the Special Emphasis Panel in Astronomical Sciences (1186) will be holding panel meetings for the purpose of reviewing proposals submitted to the Galactic Astronomy Program in the area of Astronomical Sciences. In order to review the large volume of proposals, panel meetings will be held on December 5-6 (3). All meetings will be closed to the public and will be held at the National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM each day.

Contact Person: Dr. Vernon L. Pankonin, Program Director, Galactic Astronomy, Division of Astronomical

Sciences, National Science Foundation, Room 1045, 4201 Wilson Boulevard., Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1826.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information, financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Computer and Computation Research; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Computer and Computation Research (1192).

Date and Time: December 3 and 4, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Dec. 3, 1996: Rooms 310, 340, and 365; Dec. 4, 1996: Rooms 630 and 1120 NSF, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Yechezkel Zalcstein, Program Director for Theory of Computing Program, CCR, Room 1145, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, (703) 306-1911.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals, submitted to the National Science Foundation for financial support.

Agenda: To review and evaluate Theory of Computing proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

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Special Emphasis Panel in Design, Manufacture, and Industrial Innovation; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-